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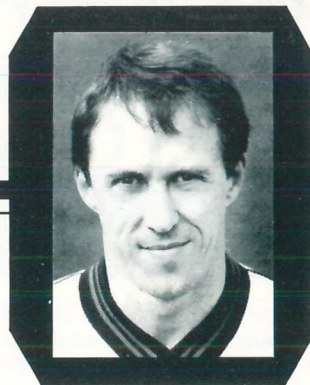
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Notes from the boss.....



In the two years I have been at the club as manager there has been a mixture of good times and bad and I think it is fair to say that we are currently going through an indifferent period.

The players I have brought into the club are good characters but, the way things are going, many of them know that I expect a lot more from them on the field. They have gone off the boil and I told them where I thought the faults lay after the defeat at Tranmere on Tuesday night.

They only need look back at the way they were playing for each other earlier in the season to realise that things are not what they should be. They seem to have lost the commitment to play for one another, a commitment that makes the opposition have to work so much harder.

The experienced lads have to shoulder the responsibility for that. I can't do it from the touchline.

We are lacking leadership on the field yet we have so many experienced players out there that there shouldn't really be a problem. We have had our hiccups of course and losing Jeff Chandler so soon after selling Mark Gavin was one of them.

Now I've got to look towards changing a few things. I don't want to lose

any more ground on the rest of the leading group of clubs so we've obviously got to start winning games.

In the FA Cup tie at Wrexham the team showed the fighting spirit that we are going to need to get things back on the boil. A repeat of that sort of display this afternoon would be an ideal starting point.

I hope the points I made to the players in midweek sink in and are acted upon because I know in my own mind that I am right.

As an example, John Thomas obviously believes he has a divine right to score goals — and no one is complaining that that is not the right sort of attitude for a striker to have. But I've pointed out certain things to him which could help him create one or two more chances inside the box.

I have made many other points to other players and I just hope they take notice of them and bring us all something to cheer and enjoy over this Christmas period.

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WREXHAM

Wrexham's manager, Dixie McNeil, is hoping his squad can fulfil the promise they showed last season. The club had high hopes of sustaining a promotion bid last campaign but after holding a place in the top six of the Fourth Division before Christmas, they faded as the season progressed.

Wrexham believe they may have set a record with good runs in five competitions. Certainly the team looked confident after the arrival of the experienced Joe Cooke from Rochdale and Mike Conroy from Celtic. But Portsmouth put Wrexham out of the Littlewoods Cup in the second round, and close neighbours Chester dumped them out of the FA Cup in the third round.

Wrexham caught the nation's imagination in the European Cup Winners Cup when they went to Spanish giants Real Zaragoza and came away with a 0-0 draw. The Zaragoza fans gave the Wrexham players a standing ovation. In the second leg, a score of 2-2 gave the visitors victory on the away goals rule.

After the turn of the year, things began to go wrong for the Robins. At home, thirteen League games were drawn. Only two League games were lost by more than a goal even though Wrexham suffered a goalkeeping dilemma with six different players wearing the green jersey during the club's 67 games.



Back Row: Left to right-Dixie McNeil (Manager), Paul Emson, Joe Hinnigan, Mike Williams, Mike Salmon, *Jim Steel, Mark Morris, Jon Bowden, Jamie Slater, Darren Wright, George Showell (Assistant Manager/Physio).

Front Row: Mike Carter, Steve Massey, Kevin Russel, Neil Salathiel, Joe Cooke, Geoff Hunter, Roger Preece, Shaun Cunningham, Steve Buxton, Nick Hencher.

* Jim Steel - Now Tranmere



VISITORS PEN FILE

STEVE BUXTON—FORWARD. Born Birmingham, 13th March, 1960. Steve, a Welsh Schools international, made his debut towards the end of Wrexham's Division Three winning year of 1978. He was a regular scorer over the next six seasons, but as the club slipped into the decline, he was released in the summer of 1984 and joined Stockport County. A year ago he helped Altrincham reach the FA Trophy final as well as playing in mid-week fixtures for Wrexham as we faced an injury crisis. Last season he returned as a part-time player and will do the same this term.

MIKE CARTER—MIDFIELD. Born Warrington, 18th April, 1960. An experienced player who has done the rounds with Wrexham being his sixth different club. After starting as an apprentice with Bolton Wanderers, Mike had loan periods with Mansfield, Swindon and Hereford, plus permanent stays with Plymouth and more recently Hereford. He moved on a free transfer from Edgar Street during the close season and will feature mainly on the right wing.

SHAUN CUNNINGTON—DEFENCE/MIDFIELD. Born Bourne, Lincs., 4th January, 1966. Spotted by the clubs former youth team coach, who was manager of Bourne Town at the time. Shaun made his debut at the age of 16 and became Wrexham's third youngest player when he turned out at Bristol Rovers in December, 1982. He was one of the stars of the famous ECWC games with FC Porto, AS Roma and Real Zaragoza. Even though only 22, Shaun has made more appearances (238 at the start of the season) for the Reds than any current player. A past winner of a "Robinson's" young player of the month award.

PAUL EMSON—FORWARD. Born Lincoln, 22nd October, 1958. Turned out for Derby County in the First Division after his £5000 move to the Baseball Ground from non-league Brigg Town in 1978 and went on to make 127 League appearances. In 1983 Grimsby Town took him to the east coast and since then he has missed very few games to which he added another 54 last season.

A tall winger who loves to take the ball to defenders, but he will miss the early stages of the season due to a broken collar bone.

JOE HINNIGAN—DEFENDER. Born Liverpool, 14th August, 1956. Joe moved from South Liverpool to Wigan in their non-league days and helped the Latics gain League status in 1978. Sunderland paid over £100,000 for him 1980 and he had a couple of seasons in the first division, before moving onto Preston and then Gillingham. Came to the Racecourse on a free transfer from the Gills during the summer.

GEOFF HUNTER—MIDFIELD. Born Hull, 27th October, 1959. An apprentice with Manchester United, he never made the Old Trafford first team, moving onto Crewe Alexandra in 1979 and from there to Port Vale. A consistent performer who, with the exception of last year, averages over 40 league games a year and has totalled more than 300 appearances in his career so far. Played with Jim Steel in Vale's promotion side of 1983.

ROGER PREECE—MIDFIELD. Born Much Wenlock, 9th June, 1969. Signed from Coventry when he finished his apprenticeship on the advice of John Sillett. When given his chance by Wrexham, Roger certainly showed he has the skill to progress as a professional and earned himself an extended contract. Made his debut in Malta during a ECWC game with Zurrieq.

KEVIN RUSSELL—FORWARD. Born Portsmouth, 6th December, 1966. Following Barry Horne's £70,000 move to Portsmouth in the summer, Kevin made the return trip in exchange for a £10,000 fee. Operating in either midfield or attack, his signing gives manager Dixie McNeil several options in picking the team. Kevin started as an apprentice with Brighton, but soon returned to Portsmouth, where he made several appearances over the last few seasons.

MIKE SALMON—GOALKEEPER. Born Leyland, 14th July, 1964. Was on loan with Wrexham for three months of last season and made the move permanent in the summer. Mike joined Blackburn Rovers in 1981 from local football, but made only one appearance while also having a loan spell with Chester. A move to Stockport County followed where he made 118 consecutive league appearances before injury sidelined him. Bolton paid out £18,000 for him a year ago and received the same amount from Wrexham.

MIKE WILLIAMS—DEFENDER. Born Mancot, N. Wales, 6th February, 1965. Now in his fourth season at Wrexham following Chester's surprise decision to release him in the summer of 1984. Snapped up by the Reds and now a key member of the team playing at centre-half. Started off as a schoolboy on Everton's books and played for Wales at Youth International level, before going to Sealand Road as an apprentice.

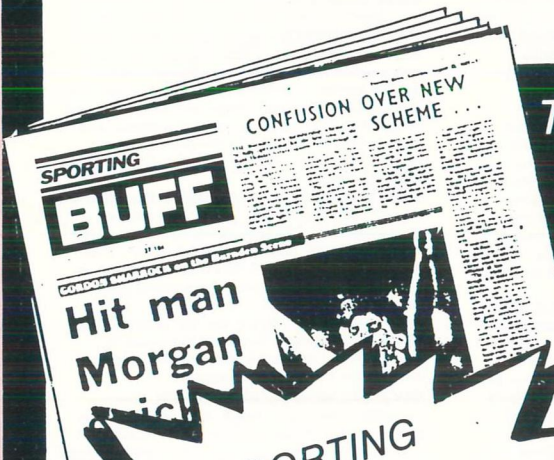
DARREN WRIGHT—DEFENDER. Born West Bromwich, 14th March, 1968. Came to Wrexham on trial following an apprenticeship with Wolverhampton Wanderers and earned himself a contract in August 1986. Made just one appearance with Wolves, but started 17 times for the Reds last year and will again act as cover for the full-backs.

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MATCH REPORT



AROUND THE LEAGUES

Our Friday night kick-off at Colchester last week proved fruitless. The home side, who have had better success on away territory this term finally came on song in front of their own supporters where Winston White scored two goals in their 3-0 victory. The flying winger has the knack of putting on the style against us and last week he turned from provider to striker. Colchester's win hoisted them to 3rd position in Division 4.

Come Saturday and Burnden Park was the centre of attraction for Rugby followers where Wigan faced up to Leeds in the semi-final of the John Player Trophy as television viewers watched 'live' coverage and some 13,000 spectators witnessed a Leeds victory which might be described as surprising but well earned.

On the Soccer scene Division One leaders Liverpool travelled down to Southampton where another flying winger in John Barnes put the maestros into a two goal lead but the home side clawed themselves back to share the spoils. Third placed Everton entertained Derby, and Peter Shilton but even he couldn't stop the Toffeemen romping to a 3-0 victory and keeping the pressure on the leaders. Manchester United also maintained their challenge with a 3-1 home victory over Oxford. In Division 2 Middlesbrough overcame Stoke to maintain their top spot. Mel Machin's Manchester City travelled to the capital to face Millwall and notched

a fine away win, the deciding goal coming one minute before the interval. Oldham moved up a gear to claim three points at the expense of Leicester and Blackburn too successfully overcame Ron Atkinson's West. Brom at the Hawthorns. In Division 3 the leaders, Sunderland showed their professional approach at confident Northampton where two second half goals secured maximum points.

Neighbours Bury and Blackpool had to be satisfied with 1-1 draws in their respective games against Fulham and Chesterfield but Wigan Athletic who have had an indifferent season to date gained a 2-0 victory away at Grimsby while Preston seem to be losing their home advantage, this time going 2-0 down at the hands of Aldershot.

In Division 4, Wolves' scoreless draw at Hartlepool let in impressive Leyton Orient as new leaders thanks to a 3-1 home victory over Tranmere. Burnley were held to a scoreless draw with Hereford at Turf Moor but Rochdale gained an unexpected 3-2 away win at Wrexham where former Wanderer, Mark Gavin started the proceedings in the 20th minute.

The busy Christmas period is just around the corner and precious points are there for the taking. It's always a testing time for players and a time when Managers hope for a clean bill of health during the hectic spell.

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GUEST SPOT

FREDDIE HILL

B.W.F.C. 1955–70

Ex-Wanderer Fred still occasionally makes the headlines today, be it by reading the Saturday Buff "25 Years Ago" column.

Joining the Burnden staff in 1955 as a raw recruit from school he worked at his game and broke into the first team when Ray Parry took up a left wing role. Fred is remembered for his stooped shoulders and lazy looking when on the ball, but he was deceptive to the opposition and his vision was brilliant. Like many class players before him and a few since he admits to never being able to be coached. He said, "George Taylor used to tell me to go out and do what I wanted."

He learned the tricks by watching players like Jackie Sewell, Jimmy Hagan and one time 'golden boy' Albert Quixall. He explained, "If I saw them do something special in a game I would go home and practice the same move on my mates and found that I could do it. I was always impressed by brilliance." Fred reckons that the great players then would be great players now. Comparing he said, "Nowadays everything is better—the footwear and match balls. They used to trap a ball with big boots which were heavier than today's shoes."

Fred Hill completed 350 games for Bolton, picking up 18 U-23 caps and two full internationals along the way. Looking for experience Alan Ball Snr persuaded Fred to join him at Halifax but it wasn't long before rumours had

it that Manchester City were showing interest, on recommendation from Francis Lee and a move to Maine Road was eventually fulfilled. At the time City were a good side and just won the championship and were heading the First Division again. Fred said, "We were five points clear at Christmas and I suffered an injury at Everton. We just seemed to fade from then on in, and I was eventually replaced by Rodney Marsh."

In almost 20 years as a player Fred probably has one disappointment—he almost joined Liverpool. He confessed, "I had high hopes, the thought of partnering Peter Thompson and Ian StJohn alongside, but when Bill Shankly informed me I'd failed the medical it had a psychological effect and I didn't know whether I'd even play again." But Fred shrugged off the disappointment and got on with the job and admits to being grateful to turn out for Bolton the following week. Ironically Fred played against Liverpool some six months later and had a good game. He recalled, "Bolton won 3-2 and the papers reported the following day that one Liverpool fan was heard to say 'It's a good job he's not fit.'"

Fred still teams up with Francis Lee, where now Franny is his employer and Fred's son plays at Atherton Collieries so he monitors his progress closely. On the pro-scene Fred likes watching Liverpool. He said, "They have a few individuals that I like."

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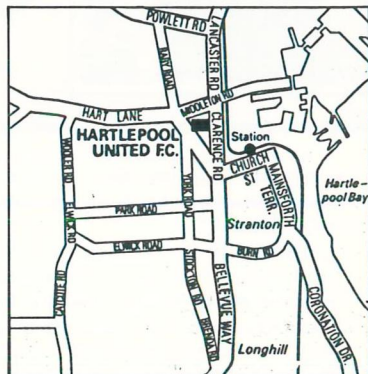
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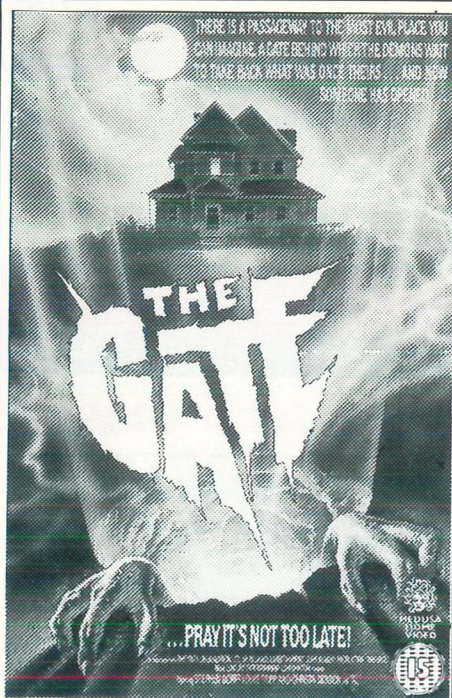
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FLASH BACK

5 YEARS AGO. 11th December, 1982.

Bolton climbed out of the bottom three of the second division with a 4-1 win over Charlton Athletic at Burnden.

Neil Whatmore, on loan from Birmingham, slipped back into routine with a couple of goals, his contribution to the Lifeline Society which had just been formed. Jeff Chandler opened the scoring for Bolton with a goal after only four minutes. Danish International Alan Simonsen equalised for the Londoners in the 20th minute only for Whatmore to restore the lead. He scored his second in the 50th minute and Wayne Foster completed the scoring in the 65th minute.

17th December, 1982. Peter Reid joined Everton in a £600,000 deal.

18th December, 1982. Chelsea took the points with a 2-1 win at Stamford Bridge. An own goal from Ray Deakin and one from Colin Pates were enough despite Tony Henry pulling one back for Bolton.

10 YEARS AGO. 17th December, 1977. Bolton went down 2-1 at Charlton despite taking the lead in the 29th minute thanks to Neil Whatmore. David Campbell equalised five minutes later and Mike Flanagan hit Athletics winner ten minutes into the second half. Peter Reid came off the transfer list after talks with Ian Greaves and Walter Joyce joined the Wanderers as coach from Huddersfield Town.

15 YEARS AGO. 16th December, 1972. The Wanderers defeated Charlton 3-2 at The Valley. Garry Jones and Paul Jones gave them a two goal lead before Arthur Horsfield pulled one back in the 35th minute. John Byrom headed Bolton's third and Mike Flanagan tapped in Charlton's second 15 minutes from time.

19th December, 1972. The youth teams went through to the third round of the FA Youth Cup with a 6-1 win over Wolves at Burnden. Norman Bell gave the visitors an early lead but Bolton hit back through Sam Allardyce, David Jones, Steve Taylor, Peter Reid, Mike Cross and an own goal.

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RESERVES NEWS

Notts County Res 3
Bolton Wanderers Res 0
25th November, 1987.

After a couple of good results in the previous two weeks, against the top two teams in the Central League, it was something of a disappointment to go down 3-0 to lowly Notts County at Meadow Lane.

There was only Revor Morgan in Wanderers line up with any experience and it was he who came closest in the early stages in which Bolton looked the sharper side with young Paul Gaskell, making his debut, causing the County defence problems. Unfortunately the Bolton defence allowed County centre forward Paul Barnes too much time and space to run into the penalty area to score the first goal in the 20th minute. After this the Wanderers chances were few and far between although Mark Winstanley was unlucky with a curling twenty yard shot that was spectacularly turned away by county 'keeper Dale Belford.

The home side dominated the early period of the second half, Scott Machin scoring their second in the 55th minute, Barnes registering the third twelve minutes later. The Bolton forward line saw little of the ball during the second half but the arrears should have been reduced two minutes from time. Mark Raven played a good ball to Ian

Stevens who outpaced a defender only to see his powerful shot well saved. Team: Price, Spooner, O'Brien, McKearney, Jackson, Winstanley, Gaskell, Callaghan, Morgan, Stevens, Brown. Subs: Raven for Morgan, Hughes for McKearney.

Bolton Wanderers Res . . . 1
Blackburn Rovers Res . . . 0
2nd December, 1987.

Having defeated table toppers Barnsley a fortnight previous the Wanderers again took the points from third placed Blackburn Rovers at Burnden. The game, apart from some long range efforts, didn't really come to life until Bolton had taken the lead in the 69th minute. It was Ian Stevens who broke the deadlock with a remarkable amount of persistence that paid off for the striker to register his ninth goal of the season. Three Rovers defenders appeared to leave Stevens with no chance of getting the ball but his speed left them for dead and the striker sent a low shot into the net off the foot of the post. Eight minutes from time Bolton were denied what appeared to be a clear cut penalty when Stevens was brought down from behind just as he was about to shoot from close in.

Team: Udell, Spooner, O'Brien, McKearney, Jackson, Winstanley, Booth, Callaghan, Morgan, Stevens, Brown. Subs: Hughes for Jackson, Gaskell.

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Notts County manager, 1983.

"No footballer of talent should play in the back four."

MALCOLM ALLISON, 1975.

"All visiting teams complain about the pitch – but they all seem to win."

ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS,
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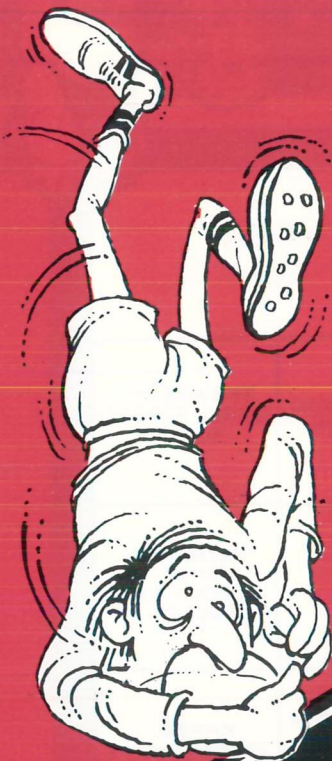
**MERRY CHRISTMAS
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HAPPY NEW YEAR**

The sealed envelope arrived, inside was the cassette-instructions were to take tape and play in a private place. I pressed the button and waited, finally I knew what it was all about. "Your mission 'Safe', that is if you wish to take it, is to go to Hartlepool on a cold winter's day and see the Wanderers win . . . Good luck, this tape will self destruct in five seconds." So that was it, mission impossible, but in our case mission possible. To leave nothing to chance, this mission has to be planned to the finest detail. First question, where is Hartlepool? Anywhere near Liverpool—no can't be. After days of questions and investigations, the truth had come out, on the north east coast of England . . . on the road to nowhere.

So when Boxing Day arrives, with the spirit of Christmas finally upon us, the Wanderers will be visiting Hartlepool. What a wonderful computer they have at the Football League for giving us such a desirable fixture over the festive season. Still it beats watching 'Christmas on Walton's Mountain' or another dose of the 'Wizard of Oz'. So the north east will be expecting another invasion of the super white army hoping that we can inflict revenge on Hartlepool for the win they had here back in September.

It's a crucial period over Christmas and New Year with vital league fixtures, playing four times in eight days. If these games could be turned into victories then the New Year could well see us closer to our aim of promotion. Our next home game see's the return of two of our former players, Asa Hartford and Frankie Worthington when we play Stockport. Asa is of course now player/manager and Frank is currently on loan from Preston. It should certainly swell the gate for the match and no doubt with these two to inspire Stockport, it's not going to be easy.

On closing this week, I would just like to wish all my readers, a very merry Christmas and don't forget, if you bump into me at Hartlepool, mine's a 'Hot Toddy'.



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Burnden Park News



STAN HANSON

As a tribute to our former 'keeper Stan Hanson, who passed away on November 24th aged 71 years, we reproduce an article used by the Wanderers programme from a couple of years ago under the heading Star Profile.

'Bolton Wanderers has had a tradition of fine, highly respected goalkeepers who made the grade at the highest level, notably Dick Pym in the Twenties and Eddie Hopkinson in the Fifties and Sixties.

Sandwiched in between these two fine 'keepers was Stan Hanson who, although never capped by his country like the others, was a great servant to the club and to the game over 20 years.

He made his League debut against Huddersfield Town on September 19th, 1936 and it was against Huddersfield that he played in his final League and Cup appearances for the Wanderers, in the First Division on January 2nd, 1956 and in the FA Cup five days later.

A year earlier, when he made his 450th appearance against Manchester United, Stan, was made skipper for the day, an honour he was handed some years earlier when he played for Wanderers against Liverpool for whom his brother Alf played outside left.

Not many professionals can claim to have played 500 games for one club which, when four games, friendlies and minor Cup competitions are taken into account, is Stan's record. And but for the six years lost during the war the tally could have reached astonishing proportions.

Stan was 40 years old when he was eventually released by the Wanderers in 1956.

He had come to Burnden Park as an amateur in the August trials of 1935 and became a professional in October of that year with his first team debut following in a friendly against Grimsby on May 9th, 1936. He had played for both Liverpool and Southport as an amateur after making the grade with Bootle Schoolboys and turned down an offer from Aston Villa before joining the Wanderers.



The greatest achievements of Stan's long career came in the early Fifties although one, his Wembley appearance of 1953, ended in disappointment.

With Wanderers 3-1 in front with 20 minutes to go Stan was on the receiving end as Blackpool recorded their famous FA Cup victory winning 4-3.

He was always philosophical about the disappointment of losing in an FA Cup Final, being proud enough to have achieved the distinction of playing at Wembley.

An earlier honour came in 1950 when Stan toured Canada with the FA when he partnered his famous Bolton team mate Nat Lofthouse.

Apart from his sound goalkeeping technique which served Wanderers so well down the years, Stan was known for his remarkably long-distance kicking.

He was able to clear three-quarters the length of the field with a 'dead-ball' kick—not bad with the old leather ball!

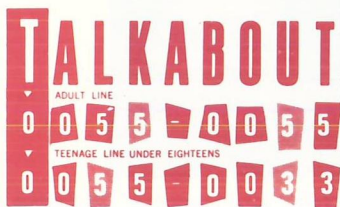
Although he managed to clock up a number of wartime games both with the Wanderers and his army units, Stan spent the war years in active service, like so many of his Bolton team mates who volunteered with him, in the Middle East, Italy and France.

After being released by the Wanderers he had a spell with Rhyl but he didn't travel far from Burnden Park—taking the sub post office across the road from the ground.

For many years Stan, remained a popular figure at Burnden taking a keen interest in the Junior teams.

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NOTEBOOK

REFLECTIONS

We welcome Wrexham to Burnden Park today for the first time since April, 1982, when both clubs were in the second division. Our paths have crossed eight times in League football before today, Wanderers having won five to the Welsh club's two, the first encounter coming at Burnden in November 1971 at third division level. That day Wrexham recorded their only win at Burnden thanks to goals from Ian Moir and Graham Whittle. This was their sixth consecutive League win on the trot but only one more was recorded in the next seventeen games with Bolton winning the return at The Racecourse Ground 2-1 in February, 1972. Roger Hunt struck both Wanderers goals with Micky Thomas replying for Wrexham.

1972/73 saw the Wanderers complete the double over today's visitors. Goals from Ron Phillips, Garry Jones and Stuart Lee were enough to give Bolton a 3-1 win in Wales with the home side scoring from an Arfon Griffiths penalty. The game at Burnden in January, 1973, was a much closer affair. Paul Jones headed Bolton's winner after only seven minutes but there were plenty of anxious moments for the crowd of 16,732.

It was Boxing Day, 1980, before Wanderers again faced Wrexham. This time in the second division at the Racecourse. Neil Whatmore secured the points for Bolton with the only goal but keeper Terry Poole dislocated a

shoulder making a vital save on the final whistle.

The game at Burnden resulted in a 1-1 draw with Steve Buxton putting Wrexham in front and the Wanderers equalising with a penalty from Brian Kidd in the final seconds. This was Kidd's 150th League goal but earlier Dusan Nikolic had seen his spot kick saved by Dai Davies.

In 1981/82 both clubs won their respective home games. Chris Thompson put Bolton in front at Wrexham before they hit back just before half time with a couple of Ian Edwards goals. At Burnden Tony Henry opened the scoring with a penalty in the 59th minute and Peter Reid sewed up the points with a second thirteen minutes later. In the Wrexham side that day was current manager Dixie McNeil.

MILESTONE!

Today's game brings up the Wanderers 3,500th Football League game with only Preston, Notts County and Burnley having played more. Our record prior to the Tranmere match is as follows: P.13498; W.1357; D.798; L.1343; F.5330; A.5190.

Another milestone to record came last Friday. The game at Colchester United means that the Wanderers have faced every Football League club at least once. Who have Bolton faced most during their illustrious League history? Aston Villa on 126 occasions.

OUT & ABOUT



Dear Mr. Lofthouse,

I am writing to thank you for your souvenirs—scarf, pen, tie. I received them on Saturday, 14th November.

Mr. Hodgson who phoned you was a friend of my fathers in the Army, but unfortunately I never met him. It was my folks who told him I was a BOLTON FAN, and I was surprised to get the letter, etc. My folks send me the Match Reports each week so I can keep up with who plays for us. One thing I would be interested to buy is A TEAM photograph. Also, is there any way to find out how to obtain a Membership Card, I hear you must be registered with the club to go to matches.

I will be returning to England in another 3 years for 12 months and I have planned my furlough so that I can be home for the football season.

I don't know what Mr. Hodgson told you about myself, but I am doing missionary work in West-New-Britain, which is a Province of P.N.G.

I must admit I don't always stay up until 3.30am to listen to Saturday Special but being F.A. Cup day I thought I would listen tell the Boys WELL DONE. I never like us (Bolton) playing teams with former Bolton players playing because they always seem to play that much harder.

As you know, every Bolton fan knows how the team should be run and I guess I am no different. I have never been one for this idea of defending. Both our promotion teams did it by open attacking football. I always say if your going to lose then at least make a game of it.

I felt sorry for Phil Neal when we went down, but I am sure he can give us promotion if he remembers it is goals that win games.

I think of an article I read about Brazil in 1958, someone said "Your defence is not too good". The reply was, "Yess but we score more goals than the opposition." So some on Bolton, let's get back to the days when we saw goals.

Yes, it was great watching Garry Jones

and John Byrom leading us to Division 2 and Frank Worthington and Peter Ried getting us into Division 1.

Well give my wishes to the Team.

Yours, Bob Yates.

PS Always a Wanderer

PPS I hope we don't get a plastic pitch.

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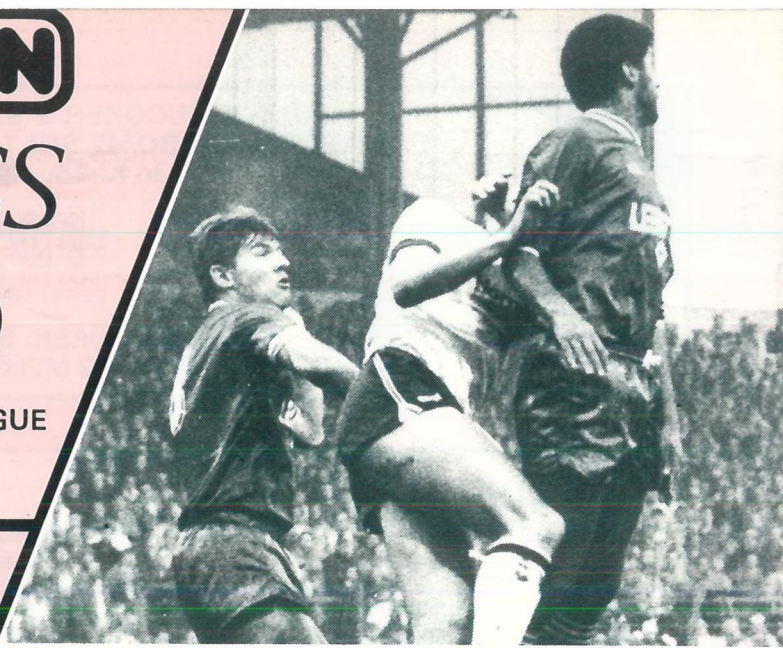
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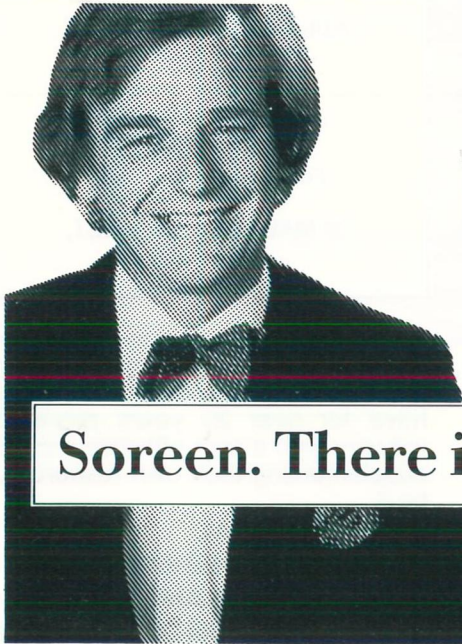
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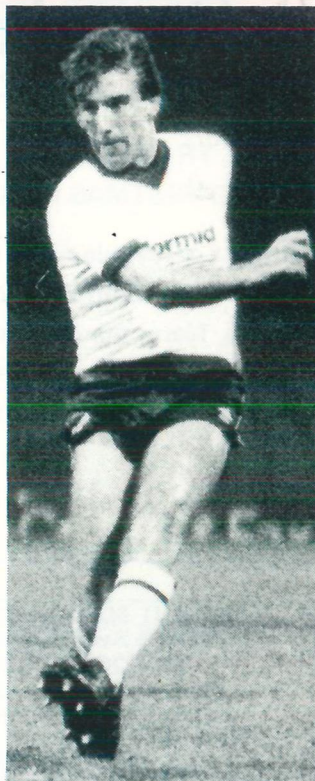


Soreen. There is no substitute.

SOREEN

SPOTLIGHT

Stephen Thompson



NAME: Stephen Thompson

HEIGHT: 5 foot, 11 inches

WEIGHT: 12 stone, 2 lbs.

BIRTHDATE: 2nd November, 1964

BIRTHPLACE: Shaw, Near Oldham

PREVIOUS CLUB: Signed straight from school

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My Dad

HONOURS: None yet

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Spurs

LIKES & DISLIKES: Eating out with good company; smoking

MUSICAL TASTES: Rick Astley, Tears for Fears

FAVOURITE T.V. PROGRAMME: Young Ones, Black Adder

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Sat. 15th	Crewe Alexandra	H	1-1	4,792	Felgate
Tue. 18th	Wigan (Littlwoods Cup)	A	3-2	4,115	Felgate
Sat. 22nd	Cardiff City	H	1-0	4,530	Felgate
Tue. 25th	Wigan (Littlwoods Cup)	H	1-3	5,847	Felgate
Sat. 29th	Scarborough	A	0-4	4,462	Felgate
Mon. 31st	Peterborough United	H	2-0	3,746	Felgate

SEPTEMBER

Sat. 5th	Hereford United	A	3-0	2,541	Felgate
Sat. 12th	Halifax Town	H	2-0	4,445	Felgate
Tue. 15th	Scunthorpe United	A	1-1	2,501	Felgate
Sat. 19th	Torquay United	A	1-2	2,247	Felgate
Sat. 26th	Hardpool United	H	1-2	4,398	Felgate
Tue. 29th	Tranmere Rovers	A			

OCTOBER

Sat. 3rd	Wolverhampton Wands	H	1-0	3,833	Felgate
Sat. 10th	Darlington	A	0-1	1,763	Felgate
Tue. 13th	Freight Rover - Preston	H	0-0	3,375	Felgate
Sat. 17th	Carlisle United	H	5-0	4,184	Felgate
Tue. 20th	Exeter City	H	1-0	4,165	Felgate
Sat. 24th	Rochdale	A	2-2	4,294	Felgate
Sat. 31st	Swansea City	H	1-1	4,607	Felgate

NOVEMBER

Tue. 3rd	Newport County	A	1-0	1,566	Felgate
Sat. 7th	Leyton Orient	H	1-0	5,189	Felgate
Sat. 14th	F.A. Cup Burnley	(A)	1-0	10,785	Felgate
Sat. 21st	Burnley	A	1-2	7,489	Felgate
Tue. 24th	Freight Rover - Stockport A	A	3-1	2,123	Felgate
Sat. 28th	Cambridge United	H	2-2	4,294	Felgate

DECEMBER

Sat. 5th	F.A. Cup Wrexham	A	2-1	4,703	Felgate
Fri. 11th	Colchester Utd	A	0-3	1,743	Felgate
Tue. 15th	Tranmere Rovers	A	0-2	3,064	Felgate
Sat. 19th	Wrexham	H			
Sat. 26th	Hardpool United	A			
Mon. 28th	Stockport County	H			

JANUARY

Fri. 1st	Scarborough	H			
Sat. 2nd	Halifax Town	A			
Sat. 9th	Barnsley FA Cup (3)	A			
Sat. 16th	Torquay United	H			
Sat. 23rd	Scunthorpe United	H			
Sat. 30th	Peterborough United	A			

FEBRUARY

Sat. 6th	Hereford United	H			
Fri. 12th	Stockport County	A			
Sat. 20th	Crewe Alexandra	A			
Sat. 27th	Wolverhampton Wands	A			

MARCH

Tue. 1st	Tranmere Rovers	H			
Sat. 5th	Carlisle United	A			
Sat. 12th	Darlington	H			
Fri. 18th	Swansea City	A			
Sat. 26th	Rochdale	H			

APRIL

Sat. 2nd	Leyton Orient	A			
Tue. 5th	Burnley	H			
Sat. 9th	Exeter City	A			
Sat. 23rd	Newport County	H			
Fri. 29th	Cambridge United	A			

MAY

Mon. 2nd	Colchester United	H			
Sat. 7th	Wrexham	A			
Sat. 14th	F.A. Cup Final				

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G. Aplin (Kendal)

Mr Aplin commenced refereeing in the Westmorland League in 1970. He progressed via the Lancashire combination, North West Counties to the Football League. He was Linesman for the 1983 F.A. Trophy Final. Away from football he is a S.L.M. Practitioner, he is married with three children and hobbies include travelling, fishing and cricket.



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